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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants note U.S. Patent Nos. 3,148,512 and 5,020,218 also listed in the search report was/were previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed November 24, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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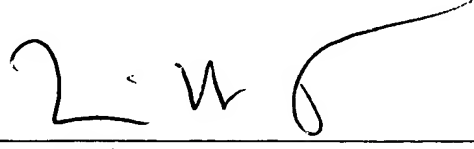
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

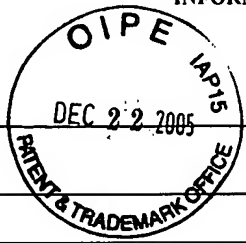
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,446,336 B1	09/10/2002	Unger			
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		Stolfi, F. et al., "Parametric Testing of a Linearly Driven Stirling Cryogenic Refrigerator," <i>Proceedings of the Third Cryocooler Conference</i> , NBS Special Publication 698, pp. 80-98 (September 17-18, 1984)

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